

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 13, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Chairman, Warren Norris, Janet Kile, Bruce Levi, Kevin Spilman Jerry Kent, Deborah Adams, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance. Councilman Norman Winkler was absent.

Chairman, Gerald Mohr called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the May 9, 2012 were approved as presented on a motion by Warren Norris, seconded by Bruce Levi. Motion carried.

Gerald Mohr welcomed Hendricks County Council President and President of the Indiana County Council Association Larry Hesson.

E.C.D.C.

Jim Finan, E.C.D.C. Director, provided updates on:

- Washington D.C. trip
- Highway 3 corridor
- CEDS Priority List for 2012 – 2015

SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported forty-one (41) inmates incarcerated in the Rush County jail.

Kevin Spilman made the motion to sign the Comerica Trust Agreement. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sherwood reported on the meeting with the City of Rushville on the funding of the Animal Shelter. Sherwood reported that he along with Bruce Levi and Tom Barnes attended the meeting with Mayor Pavey, Councilman Bob Bridges and the Director of the Animal Shelter.

The county currently provides a stipend of \$15,000.00 to the City of Rushville to assist with the funding. The City is seeking an additional \$6,000.00 from the County. The City is also asking the county provided to a vehicle. Sherwood noted that nothing was discussed for the financing of the 2013 budget year.

Sherwood reported that he is currently looking at other companies to provide Code Red services at a cheaper cost.

Sherwood reported that the jail inspection of May 24, 2012 went well. Commissioner Ken Masters attended the inspection.

Sherwood shared his concerns regarding the 2013 fuel bids. The department has purchased fuel from Harvest Land fuel for the past several years. It has now sold.

Sherwood received approval to purchase firearms. Jerry Kent made the motion to approve the \$11,000.00 additional appropriation in the Firearms Training Fund (#024). Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kevin Spilman made the motion to approve the \$135.77 transfer from Sheriff K-9 Fund (#224) appropriation #224-1000-3-1 (maintenance) into appropriation #224-1000-2-1 (supplies). Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

911

Jeff Sherwood, 911 Director, reported that the invoices for radio rebanding were less than expected. The invoices submitted totaled \$67,063.00. The claims had been submitted and approved for payment by the commissioners during their June 4, 2012 meeting.

Deborah Adams noted that the checks were being held, waiting on approval to release from the council.

County Attorney Leigh Morning provided the Council their requested legal "Letter of Opinion" concerning the Reprogramming Radios and Wire line 911 Fund.

Jerry Kent made the motion to approve a \$57,063.00 transfer from 163-1000-3-3 (Frontier/AT&T) into 163-1000-4-1 (Misc. Equip.). Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kevin Spilman made the motion to release the fire department claim checks. Janet Kile seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sherwood discussed the budgeting of 911 dispatchers for the 2013 budget year. The council advised Sherwood to place the 911 dispatchers in both the 911 budget and the jail budget. They will look at the budgets during the review process in September and make the final decision.

Deborah Adams reported that the former E-911 funds must be closed and now combined under one fund. The new Rush County 911 fund number is #225. The budgets have been combined and an additional appropriation has been advertised for the council to approve. Warren Norris made the motion to approve the \$254,932.97 Additional Appropriation for the Rush County 911 Fund. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jerry Kent made the motion to approve the Amended Salary Ordinance 2011-2. Janet Kile seconded the motion. Motion carried. The amended salary ordinance addresses the combining of funds #163 and #200 into the new fund #225.

Deborah Adams informed the council that the full-time Prosecuting Attorneys pay is increasing beginning July 1, 2012. Sherwood is entitled to 50% of the Prosecutor's salary. Adams explained that during her May SBoA called meeting Tammy White of the SBoA advised that each county require a legal "letter of opinion". The state and the county fiscal year are different and the Indiana Code for the elected official does not play well with an elected official receiving a pay increase in the middle of the year. The "letter of opinion" will protect the county during their annual audit.

Jeff Sherwood stated that he wished to waive this increase at this time. Sherwood stated that he would rather address it during the budget review process in September. The council accepted Sherwood's decision.

I-T

Randy Herbert, I-T Technician, updated the council on replacement of the department's computers and the four courthouse servers. Herbert stated that he would budget the replacement of the department computers from the I-T budget. The average for each computer is \$900.00 to \$1,000.00. The average cost for each server is \$25,000.00.

Herbert was instructed to inform all office holders and department heads today to not build copiers, fax machines and computers into their individual department budgets. The offices should send their request to Herbert who will prioritize them in the I-T budget.

COUNTY EXTENSION

Kristi Amos, Extension Educator, introduced two former ten year 4-H members.

Jeremy Lemmons showed and explained how a former 4-H Lego construction project today makes money as a side hobby.

Denise Amos, shared how a self-taught 4-H cake decorating project taught her time management, sparked a creative side and has assisted with the financing of college. Amos also shared delicious cupcakes with the council and those in attendance.

RUSH MEMORIAL AMBULANCE

Deborah Adams informed the council that she would be making the spring ambulance payment. Adams asked for guidance as to what fund the council would prefer the payment be paid.

Discussion was held; Janet Kile made the motion to pay \$137,000.00 from the commissioner's budget of the General Fund. The remaining half will come from the EDIT fund budget. Jerry Kent seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AMERICAN DISABILITY ACT

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent, reported that the county needed to be within federal ADA (American Disability Act) compliance. The plan and inventory must be in place by December 31, 2012 or the county could lose up to \$2.0 million in federal funding.

Sitton explained that the county would need to hire a consultant to do the inventory of the sidewalks in Homer, Manilla and other areas. The buildings need rated as per priority of need of addressing. Sitton noted that the county owns thirteen (13) locations.

Sitton has sent RFP's (Request for Proposal's) to nine (9) firms. The county will have twenty-five (25) years to make the changes.

Discussion of funding was held. Bruce Levi made the motion to transfer \$50,000.00 from 19-1000-4-1 (Misc. Equip.) into 19-1000-3-4 (Services ADA). Jerry Kent seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Jerry Sitton, Health Insurance Committee Chairman, reported on the committee's meeting. Sitton stated that the county will need a 25% increase in employee premium's. Sitton also stated that the commissioners need to decide by Monday, June 18th.

AREA PLAN

Kate Singleton the new Area Plan Director was introduced to the council. The 90 day probation question was clarified by Jerry Kent when questioned, that Singleton would not need to begin a new probation period now that she was the Area Plan Director.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

Jerry Kent agreed to represent the council by sitting on the committee to review future EMS contracts.

PARTNERS FOR PROGRESS

Gerald Mohr provided an update on the "Partners for Progress" and that they are continuing to meet.

SURVEYOR

County Attorney Leigh Morning presented loan modifications documents on the Blount/Fletcher reconstruction drain. The \$65,000.00 loan at 2.99% interest is through the Union Savings bank. There is no prepayment penalty. Jerry Kent made the motion to approve and sign the documents. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMA

Kevin Spilman shared his support that the EMA position should be a full time position for 2013.

SBoA COUNTY COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Larry Hesson, President Indiana County Council Association, encouraged the council members to attend the conference scheduled June 30, 2012. Janet Kile indicated she has registered to attend.

AUDITOR

Deborah Adams, Auditor, provided DLGF budget updates concerning non-binding review's for schools.

Adams reported that spring tax collection distribution checks were being released to the taxing units Thursday, June 14, 2012.

Adams noted that the commissioners were to provide a salary recommendation for county employees during today's council meeting. State statute requires a commissioner recommendation.

Motion to adjourn was initiated by Bruce Levi. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion, motion carried.

<u>/s/Gerald Mohr</u>	<u>/s/Warren Norris</u>	<u>/s/Norman Winkler</u>
Gerald Mohr, Chairman	Warren Norris	Norman Winkler

<u>/s/Janet Kile</u>	<u>/s/Bruce Levi</u>	<u>/s/Kevin Spilman</u>
Janet Kile	Bruce Levi	Kevin Spilman

/s/Jerry Kent
Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

/s/Deborah C. Adams
Deborah C. Adams, Auditor